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CONNECTING PORTS WITH RAILWAY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to connect all the ports of the country with railway network;

(b) if so, whether any action plan has been prepared by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): All Major Ports of the country are already connected to the Indian railway network. Augmentation of Rail connectivity of the Ports is an ongoing process depending on the traffic requirements. For strengthening rail connectivity of Ports with the hinterland, following projects covered under the National Rail Vikas Yojana are being implemented by the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited :

- Panvel-JNPT double line
- Nargundi-Cuttack-Raghunathpur double line
- Haridaspur-Paradeep new line
- Banspani-Daitari new line
- Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion project
- Gandhidham-Palanpur gauge conversion project
- Panskura-Haldia (Phase I) double line